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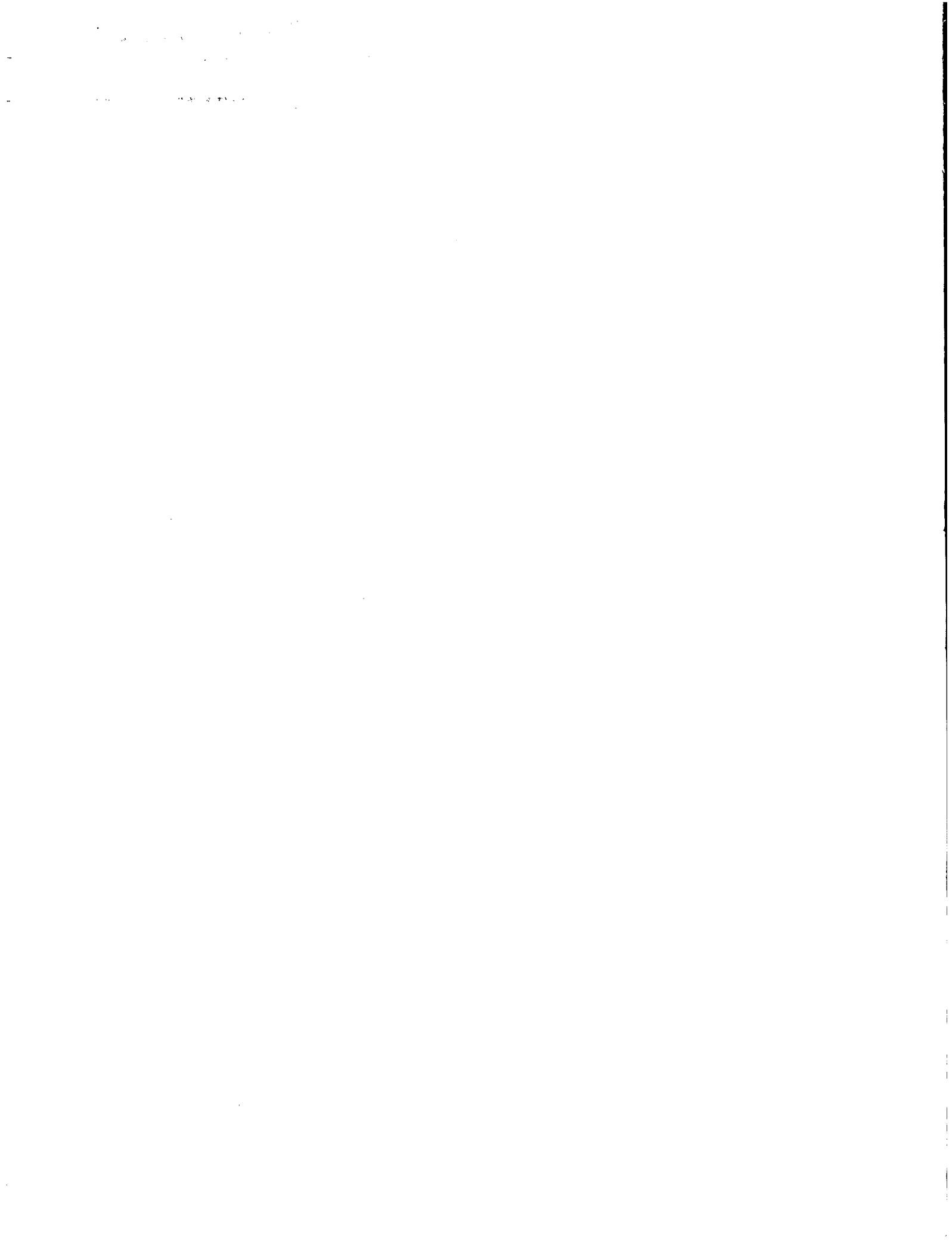
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BENZOPYRAN DERIVATIVES, METHOD OF PRODUCTION AND USE  
THEREOF

5      The present invention relates to novel benzopyran derivatives, to their method of production, to composition comprising the derivatives and use thereof.

ATP-sensitive potassium channels ( $K_{ATP}$  channels) are of particular interest. Such channels are present in multiple cell types including endocrine cells, 10 skeletal and smooth muscle cells, cardiac cells and central neurons.  $K_{ATP}$  channels are involved in main physiological processes such as hormone secretion, smooth muscle cell contractile activity, myocardial protection and neurotransmitters release.

Several compounds are known to activate  $K_{ATP}$  channels and have been named 15 "potassium channel openers" (PCOs).

Potassium channel openers are known to be able to relax vascular smooth muscles and have therefore been used for the treatment of hypertension.

Cromakalim is an example of such compounds (Figure 1).

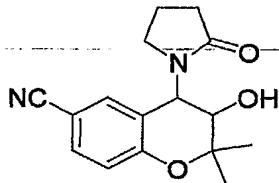


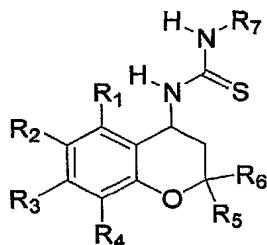
Figure 1

Nevertheless, cromakalim is poorly active as an inhibitor of insulin secretion.

25      We have now found novel benzopyran derivatives and their method of production useful as potassium channel activators which produce relaxant

activity on smooth muscle cells but are also useful as inhibitors of insulin secretion.

In accordance with the present invention, it is provided novel benzopyran derivatives having the general formula (I)



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(I)

wherein :

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R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, cyanomethyl, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylamino, sulfamoyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, formyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylcarbonylamino,

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R<sub>8</sub>arylthio, R<sub>8</sub>arylsulfinyl, R<sub>8</sub>arylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, carbamoyl, carbamoylmethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminothiocarbonyl, ureido, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminocarbonylamino, thioureido, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminothiocarbonylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminosulfonyl,

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carboxy, carboxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, acyl, R<sub>8</sub>aryl, R<sub>8</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, R<sub>8</sub>aryloxy;

R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl or, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a 3- to 6-membered carbocyclic ring;

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R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub> or

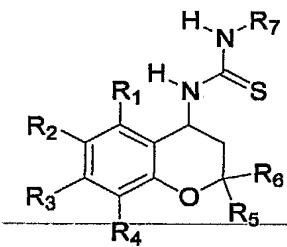
R<sub>7</sub> is 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub> or

R<sub>7</sub> is 2- or 3-thienyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub>;

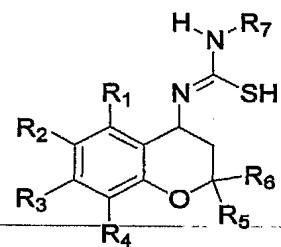
- 5      R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, nitro, amino, cyano, cyanomethyl, perhalomethyl;

10     Within its scope the invention includes all optical isomers of benzopyran derivatives of formula (I), some of which are optically active, and also their mixtures including racemic mixtures thereof.

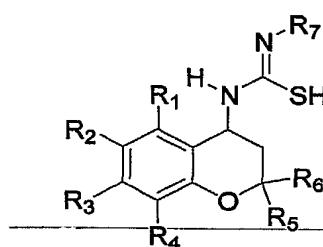
15     The scope of the invention also includes all polymorphic forms and all tautomeric forms of the benzopyran derivatives of formula (I) such as the following tautomeric structures.



(I)



(I')



(I'')

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The salts include pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts, pharmaceutically acceptable metal salts, or optionally alkylated ammonium salts, such as hydrochloric, hydrobromic, hydroiodic, phosphoric, sulfuric, trifluoroacetic, trichloroacetic, oxalic, maleic, pyruvic, malonic, succinic, citric, tartaric, fumaric, mandelic, benzoic, cinnamic, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, picric and the like, and include acids related to the pharmaceutically acceptable

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salts listed in Journal of Pharmaceutical Science, 66, 2 (1977) and incorporated herein by reference, or lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium and the like.

5 The term "halo" or "halogen" refers to fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl" as used herein, alone or in combination, refers to a straight or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain having 1 to 6 carbon atoms such as e.g. methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, 2-methylbutyl, 3-methylbutyl, n-hexyl, 4-methylpentyl, neopentyl, n-hexyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl, and the like.

15 The term "C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl" as used herein, alone or in combination, refers to a radical of a saturated cyclic hydrocarbon with an indicated number of carbon such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl.

20 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy" as used herein, alone or in combination, refers to a straight or branched monovalent substituent comprising a C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl group linked through an ether oxygen having its free valence bond from the ether oxygen and having 1 to 6 carbon atoms e.g. methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, pentoxy.

25 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl" as used herein refers to a group of 2-12 carbon atoms interrupted by an O such as e.g. -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>3</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and the like.

The term "perhalomethyl" means trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, tribromo-methyl or triiodomethyl.

The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkylamino" as used herein refers to an amino group wherein one of the hydrogen atoms is substituted with a straight or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain having the indicated number of carbon atoms such as e.g. methylamino, ethylamino, propylamino, n-butylamino, sec-butylamino, 5 isobutylamino, tert-butylamino, n-pentylamino, 2-methylbutylamino, n-hexylamino, 4-methylpentylamino, neopentylamino, n-hexylamino, 2,2-dimethylpropylamino and the like.

10 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylamino" as used herein refers to an amino group wherein the two hydrogen atoms independently are substituted with a straight or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain having the indicated number of carbon atoms such as dimethylamino, N-ethyl-N-methylamino, diethylamino, dipropylamino, N-(n-butyl)-N-methylamino, di(n-pentyl)amino, and the like.

15 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio" as used herein, alone or in combination, refers to a straight or branched monovalent substituent comprising a lower alkyl group linked through a divalent sulfur atom having its free valence bond from the sulfur atom and having 1 to 6 atoms e.g. methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, butylthio, pentylthio.

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The term "sulfamoyl" refers to a -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> group.

25 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl group linked through a sulfonyl group such as e.g. methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n-propylsulfonyl, isopropylsulfonyl, n-butylsulfonyl, sec-butylsulfonyl, isobutylsulfonyl, tert-butylsulfonyl, n-pentylsulfonyl, 2-methylbutylsulfonyl, 3-methylbutylsulfonyl, n-hexylsulfonyl, 4-methylpentylsulfonyl, neopentylsulfonyl, n-hexylsulfonyl and 2,2-dimethylpropylsulfonyl.

30 The term "sulfinyl" refers to a (-S(=O)-) group.

The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a straight or branched C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl group linked through a sulfinyl group (-S(=O)-) such as e.g. methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, isopropylsulfinyl, butylsulfinyl, pentylsulfinyl, and the like.

The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylcarbonylamino" as used herein refers to an amino group wherein one of the hydrogen atoms is substituted with an acyl group, such as e.g. acetamido, propionamido, isopropylcarbonylamino, and the like.

The term "R<sub>8</sub>aryl" as used herein refers to phenyl, 1-naphthyl, or 2-naphthyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted with R<sub>8</sub>.

The term "R<sub>8</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl" as used herein refers to a straight or branched saturated carbon chain containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms substituted with an aromatic carbohydride, the aryl group optionally being mono- or polysubstituted with R<sub>8</sub>, such as benzyl, phenethyl, 3-phenylpropyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, 2-(1-naphthyl)ethyl and the like.

The term "R<sub>8</sub>arylthio" as used herein, alone or in combination, refers to an aryl group linked through a divalent sulfur atom having its free valence bond from the sulfur atom, the aryl group optionally being mono- or polysubstituted with R<sub>8</sub>, such as e.g. phenylthio, (4-methylphenyl)thio, (2-chlorophenyl)thio, and the like.

The term "R<sub>8</sub>aryloxy" as used herein refers to phenoxy, 1-naphthoxy or 2-naphthoxy optionally mono- or polysubstituted with R<sub>8</sub>.

The term "R<sub>8</sub>arylsulfinyl" as used herein refers to an aryl group linked through a sulfinyl group (-S(=O)-), the aryl group optionally being mono- or polysubstituted with R<sub>8</sub>, such as e.g. phenylsulfinyl, (4-chlorophenyl)sulfinyl, and the like.

The term " $R_8$ arylsulfonyl" as used herein refers to an aryl group linked through a sulfonyl group, the aryl group optionally being mono- or polysubstituted with  $R_8$ , such as e.g. phenylsulfonyl, tosyl, and the like.

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The term " $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxycarbonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy group linked through a carbonyl group such as e.g. methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, n-butoxycarbonyl, sec-butoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl, 3-methylbutoxycarbonyl, n-hexoxycarbonyl and the like.

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The term " $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkylaminocarbonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkylamino group linked through a carbonyl group such as e.g. methylaminocarbonyl, ethylaminocarbonyl, n-propylaminocarbonyl, isopropylaminocarbonyl, n-butylaminocarbonyl, sec-butylaminocarbonyl, isobutylaminocarbonyl, tert-butylaminocarbonyl, n-pentylaminocarbonyl, 2-methylbutylaminocarbonyl, 3-methylbutylaminocarbonyl, n-hexylaminocarbonyl, 4-methylpentylaminocarbonyl, neopentylaminocarbonyl, n-hexylaminocarbonyl and 2,2-dimethylpropylaminocarbonyl.

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The term " $C_{1-6}$ -dialkylaminocarbonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a  $C_{1-6}$ -dialkylamino group linked through a carbonyl group such as dimethylaminocarbonyl, N-ethyl-N-methylaminocarbonyl, diethylaminocarbonyl, dipropylaminocarbonyl, N-(n-butyl)-N-methylaminocarbonyl, di(n-pentyl)aminocarbonyl, and the like.

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The term " $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkylaminothiocarbonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkylamino group linked through a thiocarbonyl group such as e.g. methylaminothiocarbonyl,

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ethylaminothiocarbonyl, n-propylaminothiocarbonyl, isopropylaminothiocarbonyl, n-butylaminothiocarbonyl, sec-butylaminothiocarbonyl, isobutylaminothiocarbonyl, tert-butylaminothiocarbonyl, n-pentylaminothiocarbonyl, 2-methylbutylaminothiocarbonyl, 3-methylbutylaminothiocarbonyl, n-hexylaminothiocarbonyl, 4-methylpentylaminothiocarbonyl, neopentylaminothiocarbonyl, n-hexylaminothiocarbonyl and 2-2-dimethylpropylaminothiocarbonyl.

The term "ureido" refers to a -NHCONH<sub>2</sub> group.

10 The term "thioureido" refers to a -NHCSNH<sub>2</sub> group.

The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkylaminocarbonylamino" as used herein refers to an amino group wherein one of the hydrogen atoms is substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkylaminocarbonyl group such as e.g. methylaminocarbonylamino, ethylaminocarbonylamino, n-propylaminocarbonylamino, isopropylaminocarbonylamino, n-butylaminocarbonylamino, sec-butylaminocarbonylamino, isobutylaminocarbonylamino, tert-butylaminocarbonylamino, and 2-methylbutylaminocarbonylamino.

20 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonylamino" as used herein refers to an amino group wherein one of the hydrogen atoms is substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonyl group such as dimethylaminocarbonylamino, N-ethyl-N-methylaminocarbonylamino, diethylaminocarbonylamino dipropylaminocarbonylamino, N-(n-butyl)-N-methylaminocarbonylamino, di(n-pentyl)aminocarbonylamino, and the like.

30 The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkylaminosulfonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkylamino group linked through a sulfonyl group such as e.g. methylaminosulfonyl, ethylaminosulfonyl, n-propylaminosulfonyl, isopropylaminosulfonyl, n-butylaminosulfonyl, sec-butylami-

nosulfonyl, isobutylaminosulfonyl, tert-butylaminosulfonyl, n-pentylaminosulfonyl, 2-methylbutylaminosulfonyl, 3-methylbutylaminosulfonyl, n-hexylaminosulfonyl, 4-methylpentylaminosulfonyl, neopentylaminosulfonyl, n-hexylaminosulfonyl and 2,2-dimethylpropylaminosulfonyl.

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The term "C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylaminosulfonyl" as used herein refers to a monovalent substituent comprising a C<sub>1-6</sub>-dialkylamino group linked through a sulfonyl group such as dimethylaminosulfonyl, N-ethyl-N-methylaminosulfonyl, diethylaminosulfonyl, dipropylaminosulfonyl, N-(n-butyl)-N-methylaminosulfonyl, di(n-pentyl)aminosulfonyl, and the like.

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The term "C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl" as used herein, alone or in combination refers to a saturated carboxylic ring of 3 to 8 carbon atoms such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl.

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The term "isothiocyanate" as used herein refers to R<sub>7</sub>-N=C=S wherein R<sub>7</sub> is as described above.

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Preferred benzopyran derivatives of the invention are those wherein R<sub>7</sub> is an element selected from the group consisting of (pyridyl and phenyl) and R<sub>1</sub> on R<sub>7</sub> is an element selected from the group consisting of (hydrogen, halogen, cyano and nitro).

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The most preferred benzopyran derivatives are

R/S-4-(3-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.

R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

- R/S-4-(4-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- 5 R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-4-(3-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- 10 R/S-6-Bromo-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-4-(4-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- 15 R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-
- 20 nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- 25 R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.
- R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.

The benzopyran derivatives of formula (I) and combinations thereof, can be formulated in compositions such as tablets, capsules or elixirs for oral administration, in sterile solutions or suspensions.

- 5 The benzopyran derivatives of the present invention interact with the potassium channels and hence act as openers or blockers of the ATP-regulated potassium channels, which make them useful in the treatment of various diseases of the cardiovascular system, e.g. cerebral ischemia, hypertension, ischemic heart diseases, angina pectoris and coronary heart diseases, the pulmonary system, the  
10 gastrointestinal system, the central nervous system and the endocrinological system.

Since some K<sub>ATP</sub> channel openers are able to antagonize vasospasms in basilar or cerebral arteries, the benzopyran derivatives of the present invention can be used  
15 for the treatment of vasospastic disorders, subarachnoid haemorrhage and migraine.

The benzopyran derivatives of the present invention may also be used for the treatment of diseases associated with decreased skeletal muscle blood flow such as Raynaud's disease and intermittent claudication.

20 Further, the benzopyran derivatives of the invention may be used for the treatment of chronic airway diseases, including asthma, and for treatment of detrusor muscle instability secondary to bladder outflow obstruction and therefore for kidney stones by aiding their passage along the urethra.

25 The present benzopyran derivatives could also be used for treatment of conditions associated with disturbances in gastrointestinal motility such as irritable bowel syndrome. Additionally, these benzopyran derivatives can be used for the treatment of premature labour and dysmenorrhea.

Potassium channel openers hyperpolarizes neurons and inhibit neurotransmitter  
30 release and it is expected that such benzopyran derivatives can be used for the

treatment of various diseases of the central nervous system, e.g. epilepsy, ischemia and neurodegenerative diseases, and for the management of pain.

Further, potassium channel openers promote hairgrowth, therefore, the  
5 benzopyran derivatives of the present invention can be used for the treatment of baldness.

Potassium channel openers also relax urinary bladder smooth muscle, thus, the  
10 benzopyran derivatives of the present invention can be used for the treatment of urinary incontinence.

In diseases such as nesidioblastosis and insulinoma in which a hypersecretion of insulin causes severe hypoglycemia, the benzopyran derivatives of the present invention can be used to reduce insulin secretion. In obesity, hyperinsulinemia and insulin resistance is very frequently encountered. This condition could lead  
15 to the development of noninsulin dependent diabetes (NIDDM). It is expected that potassium channel openers and hence the benzopyran derivatives of the present invention can be used for reducing the hyperinsulinemia and thereby prevent diabetes and reduce obesity. In overt NIDDM, treatment of hyperinsulinemia with potassium-channel openers, and hence the present  
20 benzopyran derivatives, can be of benefit in restoring glucose sensitivity and normal insulin secretion.

In early cases of insulin dependent diabetes (IDDM) or in prediabetic cases, potassium channel openers and hence the present benzopyran derivatives can be used to induce beta cell rest which may prevent the progression of the  
25 autoimmune disease.

The potassium channel openers of the present invention can be administered in combination with an immunosuppressant or with an agent like nicotinamide, which will reduce autoimmune degeneration of beta-cells.

Combining beta-cell rest with a treatment protecting the beta-cells against cytokine mediated beta-cell impairment/cytotoxicity is another aspect of this invention.

Insulin requiring or Type 1 diabetes (IDDM) as well as late onset IDDM (also known as type 1.5. e.g. non-insulin-requiring Type 2 (NIIDM) patients with autoreactivity against beta-cell epitopes that later turns insulin requiring) have circulating autoreactive monocytes/lymphocytes that homes to the islets/beta-cells and releases their cytokines. Some of these cytokines (e.g. interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ) , tumour necrosis factor  $\alpha$  (TNF $\alpha$ ) and interferon  $\gamma$  (IFN $\gamma$ )) are specifically toxic to the beta-cells, e.g. through the induction of nitric oxide (NO) and other free radicals. Inhibition of this cytotoxicity, e.g. by co-administering nicotinamide (NA), a derivative hereof or other cytokine protective compounds to the prediabetic/diabetic patients treated with the PCO compound, is an example of this aspect. Nicotinamide belongs to the B-vitamin family and is derived from nicotinic acid by amidation of the carboxyl group. It processes none of nicotine's pharmacological properties. NA is converted into NAD+, which acts as a coenzyme for proteins involved in tissue respiration. NA has been proposed to influence several of the putative intracellular molecular events following immune attack on the beta-cells. Animal experiments and early non-blinded experiments in humans have indicated a protective role of this compound against IDDM as well as in cytokine/immune mediated beta-cell destruction.

Yet another aspect of this application concerns the use of a PCO compound alone or in combination with the inhibitor of cytokine/immune mediated beta-cell impairment, in transplantation, e.g. islet transplantation into diabetes patients.

Benzopyran derivatives of the present invention which act as blockers of K<sub>ATP</sub>-channels can be used for the treatment of NIDDM.

Preferably, the benzopyran derivatives of the present invention may be used for treatment or prevention of diseases of the endocrinological system such as hyperinsulinaemia and diabetes.

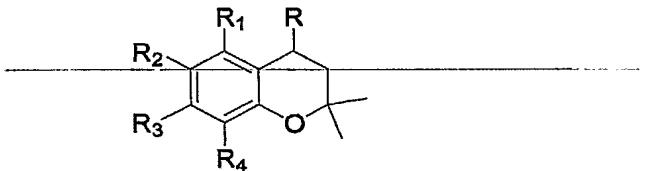
5 Accordingly, in another aspect the invention relates to a benzopyran derivative of the general formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof for use as a therapeutically acceptable substance, preferably for use as a therapeutically acceptable substance in the treatment of hyperinsulinaemia and treatment or prevention of diabetes.

10 Furthermore, the invention also relates to the use of benzopyran derivatives of formula I as medicaments useful for treating hyperinsulinaemia and treating or preventing diabetes.

15 In still another aspect, the present invention relates to methods of preparing the above mentioned compounds.

The methods comprises :

- reacting a compound of formula (II)



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(II)

wherein R represents NH<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are defined as for formula (I)

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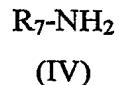


(III)

wherein R<sub>7</sub> is defined as for formula (I);

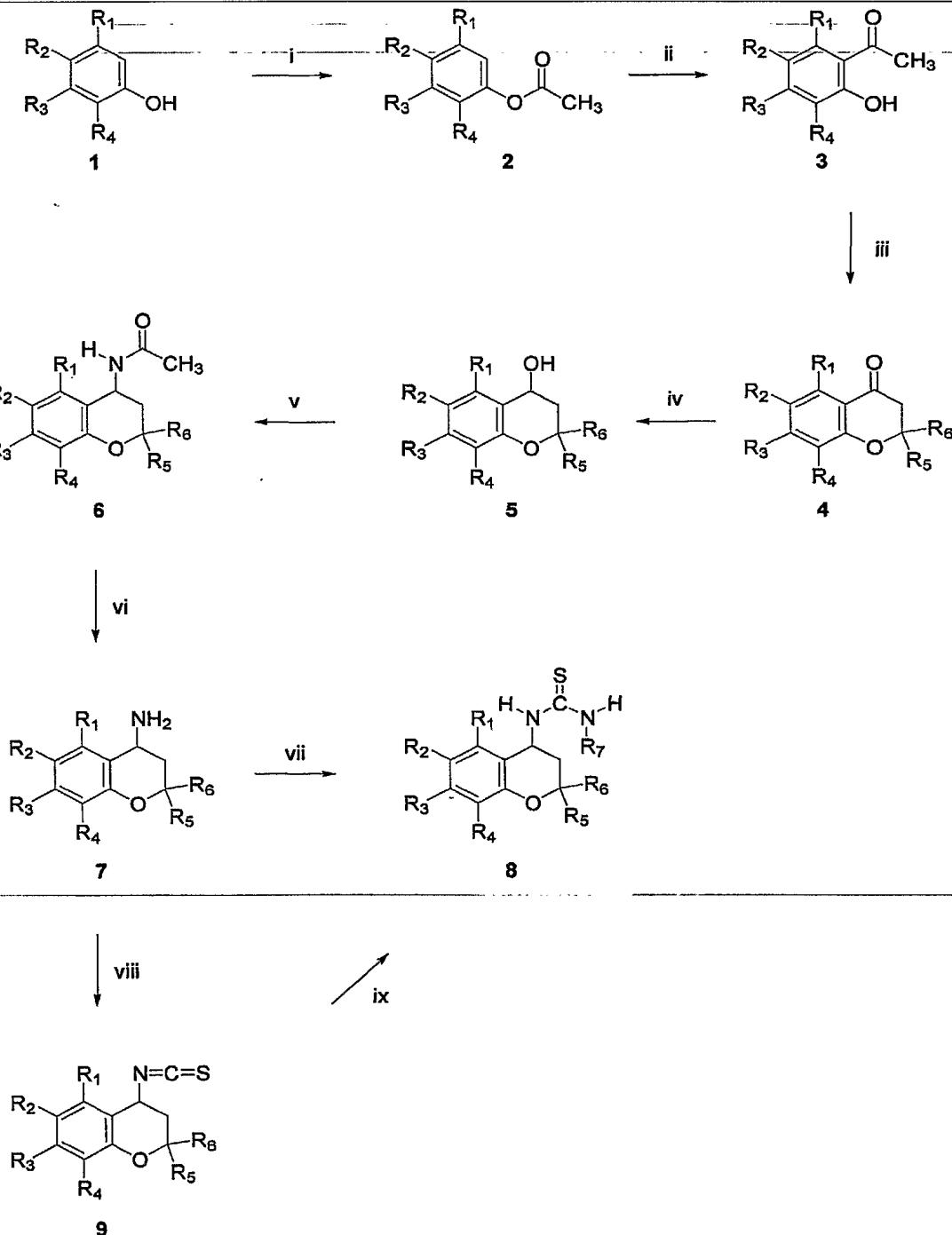
- reacting a compound of formula (II) wherein R represents -N=C=S and R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are defined as for formula (I) with an amine of formula (IV).

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Compounds of formula (II) wherein R represents NH<sub>2</sub> are prepared according to  
10 literature starting from the appropriate phenol. The method of preparation is described by Khelili, S.; Nguyen, Q.-A.; Lebrun, P.; Delarge, J. and Pirotte, B. in *Pharm. Pharmacol. Commun.* **1999**, 5, 189-193, incorporated by reference and illustrated in steps i to vi of scheme 1.

Scheme 1.



Reagents : (i)  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; (ii)  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ; (iii)  $\text{R}_5\text{R}_6\text{C}=\text{O}$ , pyrrolidine; (iv)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ; (v)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; (vi)  $\text{HCl}$  37%; (vii)  $\text{R}_7\text{NCS}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; (viii) 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole, 1,4-dioxane; (ix)  $\text{R}_7\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

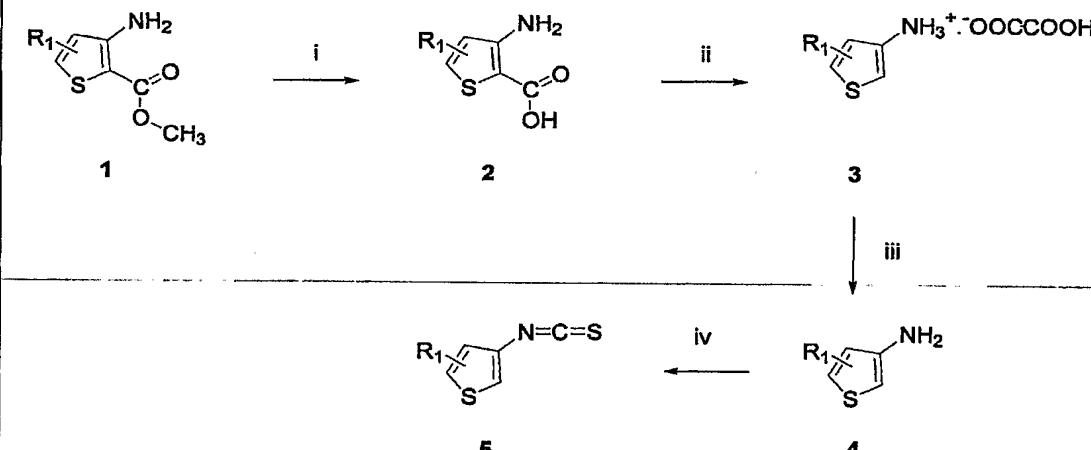
Compounds of formula (IV) wherein R<sub>7</sub> represents

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are prepared according to literature. The method of preparation is described by Barker, J.-M.; Huddleston, P.-R. and Wood, M.-L. in *Synthesis* 1977, 255,  
10 incorporated by reference and illustrated in scheme 2.

Scheme 2.



Reagents : (i) NaOH; (ii) oxalic acid dihydrate, 2-propanol; (iii) NH<sub>3</sub>; (iv) 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole, 1,4-dioxane.

15 3-Thienyl isothiocyanates (5 – scheme 2) are prepared by treatment of 3-aminothiophenes (4 – scheme 2) with 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole in 1,4-dioxane according to the following procedure :

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1,1'-Thiocarbonyldiimidazole (1.01 g, 0.00567 mol) was added to a stirred solution of 3-aminothiophene (0.55 g, 0.0056 mol) dissolved in dry 1,4-dioxane (15 mL). The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen for 20 minutes.

The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and diethylether was  
5 added to the residue. The organic layer was washed with a 0.1 M hydrochloric acid solution. Diethylether was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was used without further purification.

Compounds of formula (IV) wherein R<sub>7</sub> represents

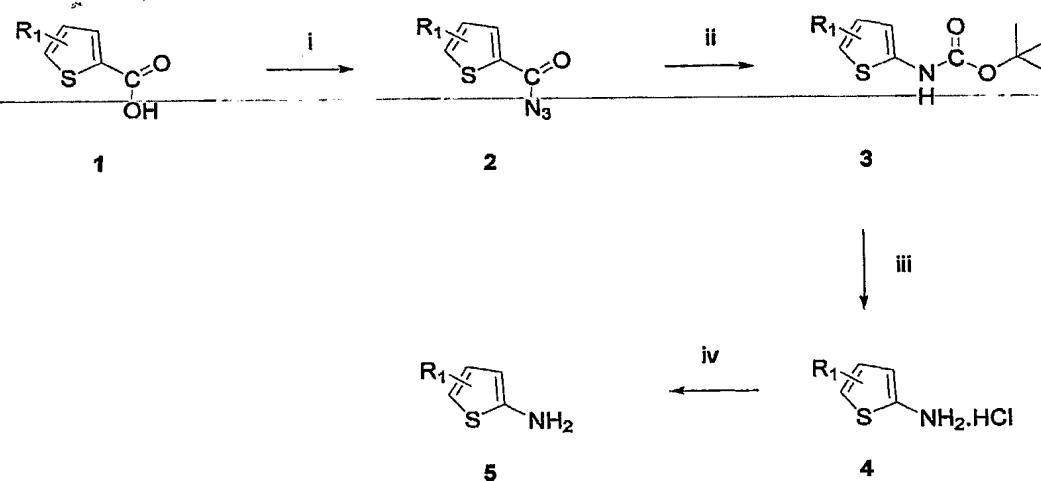


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are prepared according to literature. The method of preparation is described by Binder, D.; Habison, G. and Noe, C. in *Communications* 1977, 255, incorporated by reference and illustrated in scheme 3.

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Scheme 3.



Reagents : (i) Ethyl chloroformate, TEA, NaN<sub>3</sub>; (ii) tert-butanol, 1,4-dioxane; (iii) HCl 37%; (iv) NaOH 20 %.

The method of preparing the compounds of formula (I) is further illustrated in scheme 1 and in the following examples which, however, are not to be construed as limiting.

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Melting points were determined on a Büchi 530 capillary apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Perkin-Elmer 1000 FTIR spectrophotometer. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AW-80 (80 MHz) instrument using  $d_6$ -DMSO as solvent with hexamethyldisiloxane (HMDS) as an internal standard; chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  values (ppm) relative to internal HMDS. The abbreviation s = singulet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quadruplet, m = multiplet and b = broad are used throughout. Elemental analyses (C, H, N, S) were realized on a Carlo-Erba EA 1108-elemental analyzer and were within  $\pm 0.4$  % of the theoretical values. All reactions were routinely checked by TLC on silica gel Merck 60 F<sub>524</sub>.

Example 1 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(phenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

Phenyl isothiocyanate (0.29 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (47 %). mp : 164-165 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3357, 3190 (N-H), 3036 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2929 (C-H aliphatic), 1195 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OSF}$ ) C, H, N, S.

Example 2 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(phenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

Phenyl isothiocyanate (0.27 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (55 %). mp : 172.5-173 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3368, 3192 (N-H), 2971 (C-H aliphatic), 1194 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OSCl}$ ) C, H, N, S.

10 Example 3 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(phenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

Phenyl isothiocyanate (0.23 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (65 %). mp : 172-174 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3363, 3189 (N-H), 3017 (C-H aromatic), 2974 (C-H aliphatic), 1194 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OSBr}$ ) C, H, N, S.

Example 4 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(2-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

2-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.32 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with

petroleum ether and dried (57 %). mp : 163.5-165 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3340, 3130  
(N-H), 2972 (C-H aliphatic), 1191 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSF) C, H, N, S.

Example 5 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(2-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.  
2-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.31 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (51 %). mp : 156.5-157.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3345, 3130 (N-H), 2974 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 6 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(2-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.  
2-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.26 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (55 %). mp : 162.5-163 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3347, 3168 (N-H), 2972 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 7 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(3-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.32 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (64 %). mp : 137-139 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3376, 3171 (N-H), 3010 (C-H aromatic), 2977, 2922 (C-H aliphatic), 1197 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSF) C, H, N, S.

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Example 8 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

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3-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.31 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (60 %). mp : 151-152 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3367, 3164 (N-H), 2976 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSCl) C, H, N, S.

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Example 9 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-methylphenylaminothiocarbonyl-amino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

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3-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.26 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with

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petroleum ether and dried (46 %). mp : 160-161 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3363, 3163 (N-H), 2976 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{OSBr}$ ) C, H, N, S.

5 Example 10 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.  
4-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.35 g, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed  
10 under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The product was recrystallised in ethyl acetate : petroleum ether 40/60 (1:3) (57 %). mp : 170-170.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3181 (N-H), 3031 (C-H aromatic), 2977, 2926 (C-H aliphatic), 1195 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{OSF}$ ) C, H, N, S.

Example 11 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.  
20 4-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.34 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (60 %), mp : 172-173.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3376, 3191 (N-H), 3035 (C-H aromatic), 2975, 2924 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{OSCl}$ ) C, H, N, S.

Example 12 R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-methylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Methylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.28 g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (46 %). mp : 176-176.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3373, 3189 (N-H), 3033 (C-H aromatic), 2975, 2923 (C-H aliphatic), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 13 – R/S-4-(2-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.

2-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.31 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (57 %). mp : 160-162 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3379, 3219 (N-H), 3025 (C-H aromatic), 2978, 2928 (C-H aliphatic), 1196 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSFCI) C, H, N, S.

Example 14 – R/S-6-Chloro-4-(2-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

2-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.30 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The

insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The product was recrystallised in ethyl acetate : petroleum ether 40/60 (1:3) (42 %). mp : 158-159.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3360, 3164 (N-H), 2975 (C-H aliphatic), 1195 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSCl<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

Example 15 — R/S-6-Bromo-4-(2-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

10 2-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.24 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (54 %). mp : 162-163 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3368, 3164 (N-H), 2977, 2949, 2926 (C-H aliphatic), 1196 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSClBr) C, H, N, S.

20 Example 16 — R/S-4-(3-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.31 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The product was recrystallised in ethyl acetate : petroleum ether 40/60 (1:3) (48 %). mp : 171-172 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3380, 3221

(N-H), 3043 (C-H aromatic), 2977, 2931 (C-H aliphatic), 1196 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal.  
(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSFCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 17 – R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.30 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (57 %). mp : 161.5-163 °C, IR (KBr) : ν : 3339, 3159 (N-H), 3006 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2925 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSCl<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

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Example 18 – R/S-6-Bromo-4-(3-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.24 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (68 %). mp : 162-163 °C, IR (KBr) : ν : 3337, 3155 (N-H), 3001 (C-H aromatic), 2975, 2924 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSClBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 19 – R/S-4-(4-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.40 g, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The product was recrystallised in ethyl acetate : petroleum ether 40/60 (1:3) (46 %). mp : 193-194 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3237 (N-H), 3041 (C-H aromatic), 2978, 2929 (C-H aliphatic), 1197 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSFCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 20 — R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.39 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (46 %). mp : 186-187.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3240 (N-H), 3042 (C-H aromatic), 2983, 2933 (C-H aliphatic), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSCl<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

Example 21 — R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.32 g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the

filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (60 %). mp : 173.5-174.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3239 (N-H), 3088, 3041 (C-H aromatic), 2984, 2933 (C-H aliphatic), 1197 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSClBr) C, H, N, S.

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Example 22 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(2-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

2-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.32 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (40 %). mp : 132-134 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3246 (N-H), 3029 (C-H aromatic), 2978, 2924 (C-H aliphatic), 1254 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1196 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SF) C, H, N, S.

Example 23 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(2-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

20 2-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.31 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (54 %). mp : 140-141 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3369, 3181 (N-H), 2976, 2951 (C-H aliphatic), 1260 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1195 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 24 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(2-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

2-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.26 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (63 %). mp : 154-155 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3364, 3185 (N-H), 2976, 2950 (C-H aliphatic), 1258 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1195 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 25 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(3-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.34 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (48 %). mp : 147-148.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3181 (N-H), 3028 (C-H aromatic), 2978, 2926 (C-H aliphatic), 1260 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1194 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SF) C, H, N, S.

Example 26 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-methoxyphenylaminothio-carbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.32 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The

insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (56 %). mp : 152-154 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3308, 3167 (N-H), 2976, 2930 (C-H aliphatic), 1262 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1201 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 27 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.27 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (61 %). mp : 157-158 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3309, 3166 (N-H), 2974, 2930 (C-H aliphatic), 1262 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1201 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 28 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.32 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (51 %). mp : 158-159.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3182 (N-H), 3031 (C-H aromatic), 2972, 2930 (C-H aliphatic), 1253 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1196 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SF) C, H, N, S.

Example 29 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.31 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (48 %). mp : 158-160 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3192 (N-H), 3036 (C-H aromatic), 2974, 2929 (C-H aliphatic), 1249 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 30 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (0.26 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (51 %). mp : 153.5-155 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3239 (N-H), 3039 (C-H aromatic), 2975, 2924 (C-H aliphatic), 1251 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O-R), 1195 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 31 - R/S-4-(3-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.38 g, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The

insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The product was recrystallised in methanol : water (1:3) (28 %). mp : 168-169 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3227 (N-H), 3041 (C-H aromatic),  
5 2980, 2927 (C-H aliphatic), 2236 (C≡N), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSF) C, H, N, S.

Example 32 – R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

10 3-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.36 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (63 %). mp : 185-186 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3338, 3275,  
15 3212 (N-H), 3056 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2932 (C-H aliphatic), 2237 (C≡N), 1202 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSCl) C, H, N, S.

20 Example 33 – R/S-6-Bromo-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

25 3-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.30 g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (53 %). mp : 181-182 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3329, 3162  
30 (N-H), 3006 (C-H aromatic), 2984, 2930 (C-H aliphatic), 2230 (C≡N), 1200 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 34 — R/S-4-(4-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.38 g, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of  
5 R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with  
10 petroleum ether and dried (47 %). mp : 202-202.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3248 (N-H), 3096, 3055 (C-H aromatic), 2989, 2974, 2950, 2933 (C-H aliphatic), 2227 (C≡N), 1197 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OSF}$ ) C, H, N, S.

15 Example 35 — R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.37 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The crude  
20 product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (63 %). mp : 216 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3243 (N-H), 3092, 3039 (C-H aromatic), 2989, 2974, 2954, 2933 (C-H aliphatic), 2226 (C≡N), 1197 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal.  
25 ( $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{OSC1}$ ) C, H, N, S.

Example 36 — R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.30 g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of  
30 R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6

mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (77 %). mp : 207-208°C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3248 (N-H), 3035 (C-H aromatic), 2988, 2934 (C-H aliphatic), 2226 (C≡N), 1197 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSBr) C, H, N, S.

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Example 37 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (0.43 g, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (47 %). mp : 175-175.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3244 (N-H), 3098, 3035 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2930 (C-H aliphatic), 1528, 1350 (N=O), 1197 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SF) C, H, N, S.

Example 38 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (0.41 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (81 %). mp : 188-188.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3183 (N-H), 3097, 3024 (C-H aromatic), 2980, 2928, 2950 (C-H aliphatic), 1530, 1345 (N=O), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 39 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (0.34 g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (94 %). mp : 186-187.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3227 (N-H), 3092, 3026 (C-H aromatic), 2981, 2926, 2949 (C-H aliphatic), 1530, 1349 (N=O), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 40 - R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (0.43 g, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (73 %). mp : 192-194 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3221 (N-H), 3040 (C-H aromatic), 2980, 2933 (C-H aliphatic), 1522, 1346 (N=O), 1196 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SF) C, H, N, S.

Example 41 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (0.40 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (84 %). mp : 194-196 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3226 (N-H), 3059 (C-H aromatic), 2986, 2932 (C-H aliphatic), 1518, 1335 (N=O), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 42 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-Nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (0.34 g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (80 %). mp : 201-  
 5 201.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3246 (N-H), 3050 (C-H aromatic), 2986, 2932 (C-H aliphatic), 1518, 1334 (N=O), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 43 — R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(3-pyridylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.  
 10 3-Pyridyl isothiocyanate (0.27 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 2 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with methanol. The insoluble was  
 15 collected by filtration and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (56 %). mp : 161-162 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3174 (N-H), 2989 (C-H aliphatic), 1197 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSF) C, H, N, S.

20 Example 44 — R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-pyridylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.  
 25 3-Pyridyl isothiocyanate (0.26 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with methanol. The insoluble was collected by filtration and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (76 %). mp : 144-144.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3166 (N-H), 2986 (C-H aliphatic), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 45 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-pyridylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Pyridyl isothiocyanate (0.21 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with methanol. The insoluble was collected by filtration and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (72 %). mp : 146-148 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3183 (N-H), 3033 (C-H aromatic), 2975, 2923 (C-H aliphatic), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSBr) C, H, N, S.

Example 46 - R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-thienylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Thienyl isothiocyanate (0.32 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with methylene chloride and dried (69 %). mp : 196-196.5 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3340, 3160 (N-H), 3087 (C-H aromatic), 2978, 2933 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

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Example 47 - R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-thienylaminothiocarbonyl-amino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Thienyl isothiocyanate (0.28g, 1.9 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and hexane was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with hexane and dried (65 %). mp : 181-182 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3331, 3161 (N-H), 2971, 2930 (C-H aliphatic), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

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Example 48 — R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(2-thienylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

(6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran)-4-yl isothiocyanate (1.26 g, 4.2 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-aminothiophene (0.35 g, 3.5 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with methanol. The solution was treated with charcoal, filtered and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried. The product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and hexane was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with hexane and dried (10 %). mp : 182-183 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3325, 3145 (N-H), 2926 (C-H aliphatic), 1198 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

Example 49 — R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-iodophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Iodoaniline (0.15 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added to a solution of (6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran)-4-yl isothiocyanate (0.44 g, 1.5 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (36 %). mp : 185-186 °C, IR (KBr) :  $\nu$  : 3322, 3130 (N-H), 2972 (C-H aliphatic), 1195 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrIN<sub>2</sub>OS) C, H, N, S.

Example 50 — R/S-7-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

30      3-Chlorophenyl acetate.

3-Chlorophenol (100 g, 0.78 mol) was dissolved in acetic anhydride (75 mL, 0.8 mol). Upon addition of 1 drop of concentrated sulfuric acid, the temperature raised to 120 °C. After 45 minutes, the mixture was cooled and poured into a solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate (8 g in 1 L of water) and extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was washed with a saturated sodium hydrogenocarbonate solution, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was used directly in the next step (84 %). IR (KBr) : □ : 3072 (C-H aromatic), 2939 (C-H aliphatic), 1773 (C=O) , 1196 (C-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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4-Chloro-2-hydroxyacetophenone.

3-Chlorophenyl acetate (10 g, 0.0588 mol) was heated together with aluminum chloride (13.86 g, 0.105 mol) at 160 °C for 2 hours. The mixture was poured on water and extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in methanol. The solution was treated with charcoal, filtered and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting oil was extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and diethylether was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was used without further purification (77 %). IR (KBr) : □ : 3436 (O-H), 3073 (C-H aromatic), 1643 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

7-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran-4-one.

A solution of 4-chloro-2-hydroxyacetophenone (20 g, 0.1176 mol), acetone (13.3 mL, 0.1811 mol) and pyrrolidine (15 mL, 0.18 mol) in methanol (475 mL) was stirred at 25 °C overnight. The mixture was then concentrated to a red oil. Water was added and the solution was adjusted to pH 1 with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The product was extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and diethylether was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a small volume of methanol. The solution was treated with charcoal, filtered and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting

precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (79 %). mp : 63-66 °C, IR (KBr) : □ : 3086 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2931 (C-H aliphatic), 1693 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl) C, H.

5 R/S-7-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran-4-ol.

Sodium borohydride (3.3 g, 0.0873 mol) was added to a stirred suspension of 7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran-4-one (17 g, 0.0809 mol) in methanol (230 mL) at

0 °C and the mixture was maintained at this temperature for a further 30 minutes.

10 After stirring for an additional 30 minutes at room temperature, concentrated hydrochloric acid was added until acid and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Water was added to the residue and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was dissolved in methanol.

15 The solution was treated with charcoal, filtered and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting oil was extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and diethylether was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was used without further purification (75 %). IR (KBr) : □ : 3436 (O-H), 3068 (C-H aromatic), 2978, 2931 (C-H aliphatic) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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R/S-4-(N-Acetylamino)-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

A suspension of R/S-7-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran-4-ol (12 g, 0.0566 mol) in acetonitrile (140 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred mixture of acetonitrile (28 mL) and 98 % sulphuric acid (7 mL) cooled in an ice/salt bath. Stirring was continued for 1 h at room temperature. The solution was poured into cold water and the precipitate collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (82 %). mp : 143-146 °C, IR (KBr) : 3284 (N-H), 3074 (C-H aromatic), 2972, 2950, 2928 (C-H aliphatic), 1644 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl) C, H, N.

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R/S-4-Amino-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran.

- A suspension of R/S-4-(N-acetylamino)-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (10.5 g, 41 mmol) was refluxed overnight in concentrated hydrochloric acid (420 mL). Hydrochloric acid was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in hot water (130 mL). The solution was filtered and 10 % aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the filtrate until alkaline. The amine, which precipitated, was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried under vacuum. This product was used directly in the next step (9%). mp : 55-57 °C.
- IR (KBr) : 3362 (N-H), 2975, 2932 (C-H aliphatic)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- 4-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.38 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether 40/60 and dried. The crude product was triturated with methanol. The insoluble was collected by filtration and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (63 %). mp : 206.5-207.5 °C, IR (KBr) : □ : 3225 (N-H), 3097, 3048 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2928 (C-H aliphatic), 1197 (C=S)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Anal. ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OSCl}_2$ ) C, H, N, S.

Example 51 — R/S-7-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-pyridylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.

3-Pyridyl isothiocyanate (0.25 mL, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with methanol. The insoluble was collected by filtration and water was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (73 %). mp :

166-167 °C, IR (KBr) : □ : 3251, 3193 (N-H), 3038 (C-H aromatic), 2969, 2948,  
2906 (C-H aliphatic), 1199 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 52 — R/S-7-Chloro-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran.

3-Cyanophenyl isothiocyanate (0.36 g, 2.3 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (61 %). mp : 152-153 °C, IR (KBr) : □ : 3256, 3140 (N-H), 3077 (C-H aromatic), 2976, 2926 (C-H aliphatic), 2233 (C≡N), 1200 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSCl) C, H, N, S.

Example 53 — R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2*H*-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentane].

6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2*H*-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan]-4-one.

A solution of 5-bromo-2-hydroxyacetophenone (31.6 g, 0.1477 mol), cyclopentanone (26 mL, 0.2939 mol) and pyrrolidine (24 mL, 0.288 mol) in methanol (600 mL) was stirred at 25 °C overnight. The mixture was then concentrated to a red oil. Water was added and the solution was adjusted to pH 1 with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The product was extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in a small volume of methanol. The solution was treated with charcoal, filtered and water was added to the filtrate. The residue was extracted with diethylether. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and diethylether was evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was used directly in the next step (77 %).

6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan]-4-ol.

Sodium borohydride (4.65 g, 0.123 mol) was added to a stirred suspension of 6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan]-4-one (31.83 g, 0.1137 mol) in methanol (650 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture was maintained at this temperature for a further 30 minutes. After stirring for an additional 30 minutes at room temperature, concentrated hydrochloric acid was added until acid and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Water was added to the residue and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was recrystallized from diethylether / petroleum ether 40-60 °C (1/3). The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (71 %). mp : 123-123.5 °C, IR (KBr) : 3271 (O-H), 2963, 2873 (C-H aliphatic) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Br) C, H.

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R/S-4-(N-Acetylamino)-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan].

A suspension of 6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan]-4-ol (23 g, 0.082 mol) in acetonitrile (900 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred mixture of acetonitrile (41 mL) and 98 % sulphuric acid (10.5 mL) cooled in an ice/salt bath. Stirring was continued for 1 h at room temperature. The solution was poured into cold water and the precipitate collected by filtration, washed with water and dried (80 %). mp : 170-171.5 °C, IR (KBr) : 3281 (N-H), 3072 (C-H aromatic), 2966, 2928, 2874 (C-H aliphatic), 1641 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Br) C, H, N.

R/S-4-Amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan].

A suspension of R/S-4-(N-acetylamino)-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentan] (5 g, 15 mmol) in concentrated hydrochloric acid (100 mL) was refluxed overnight. Hydrochloric acid was removed under vacuum

and the residue was dissolved in hot water (50 mL). The solution was filtered and 10 % aqueous sodium hydroxide solution was added to the filtrate until alkaline. The amine was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried under vacuum. This product was used without further purification. mp : 44.5-46  
 5 °C, IR (KBr) : 3363, 3292 (N-H), 3054 (C-H aromatic), 2950, 2910 (C-H aliphatic) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

4-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.27 g, 1.7 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'-cyclopentane] (0.4 g, 1.4 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (29 %). mp : 183-185 °C, IR (KBr) : □ : 3234 (N-H), 10 3035 (C-H aromatic), 2960, 2874 (C-H aliphatic), 1239 (C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>, Anal. (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OClBrS) C, H, N, S.  
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Example 54 – R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-fluorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2H-1-benzopyran.  
 20 4-Fluorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.19 g, 1.2 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.2 g, 1 mmol) in methylene chloride (4 mL). After 30 minutes, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was triturated petroleum ether. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and 25 dried (68 %). mp : 188 °C, Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSF<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

Example 55 – R/S-4-(3,5-Dichlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran.  
 30 3,5-Dichlorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.25 g, 1.2 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran (0.2 g, 1

mmol) in methylene chloride (4 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried. The product was recrystallised in methanol : water (1:3) and dried (55 %). mp : 187 °C, Anal. ( $C_{18}H_{17}N_2OSFCl_2$ ) C, H, N, S.

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Example 56 – R/S-4-(3,5-Difluorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran.

3,5-Difluorophenyl isothiocyanate (0.2 mL, 1.54 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran (0.25 g,

10 1.28 mmol) in methylene chloride (3 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried.. The product was recrystallised in methanol : water (1:3) and dried (53 %). mp : 182 °C, Anal. ( $C_{18}H_{17}N_2OSF_3$ ) C, H, N, S.

15 Example 57 – R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.

4-Trifluoromethylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.29 g, 1.41 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran (0.3 g, 1.18 mmol) in methylene chloride (3 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting

20 precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether 40/60 and dried. The product was triturated with ethyl acetate. The insoluble was collected by filtration and petroleum ether was added to the filtrate. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether and dried (25 %). mp : 182-183 °C, Anal. ( $C_{19}H_{18}N_2OSF_3Br$ ) C, H, N, S.

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Example 58 – R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran.

4-Trifluoromethylphenyl isothiocyanate (0.21 mL, 1.41 mmol) was added to a solution of R/S-4-amino-6-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran

30 (0.3 g, 1.18 mmol) in methylene chloride (3 mL). After 30 minutes, the resulting

precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with petroleum ether 40/60 and dried (65 %). mp : 189 °C, Anal. ( $C_{19}H_{18}N_2OSF_3Br$ ) C, H, N, S.

BIOLOGICAL ESSAYS

The activity of the compounds as potassium channel openers can be measured by measurement of tension in rat aorta rings, measurement of  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  ( $^{42}\text{K}$  substitute) outflow from rat aorta rings, measurement of insulin release from incubated rat 5 pancreatic islets together with measurement of  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  outflow from perifused rat pancreatic islets.

Measurement of insulin release from incubated rat pancreatic islets was performed according to the following procedure.

10 Experiments were performed with pancreatic islets isolated from adult fed Wistar rats (Charles River Laboratories, Belgium).

Groups of 10 islets, each derived from the same batch of islets, were preincubated for 30 minutes at 37 °C in 1 mL of a physiological salt medium (in mM : NaCl 115, KCl 5, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2.56, MgCl<sub>2</sub> 1, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 24) supplemented with 15 2.8 mM glucose, 0.5 % (w:v) dialyzed albumin (Sigma) and equilibrated against a mixture of O<sub>2</sub> (95 %) and CO<sub>2</sub> (5 %). The islets were then incubated at 37 °C for 90 minutes in 1 mL of the same medium containing 16.7 mM glucose and, in addition, the required benzopyran derivative.

20 The release of insulin was measured radioimmunologically according to Leclercq-Meyer et al., Endocrinology, 1985, 116, 1168-1174 using rat insulin as a standard.

Residual insulin secretion was expressed as a percentage of the value recorded in control experiments (100 %); i.e. in the absence of drug and presence of 16.7 mM glucose. Measurement of  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  outflow from perifused rat pancreatic islets 25 was performed according to the following procedure. Groups of 100 islets were incubated for 60 min in a medium containing 16.7 mM glucose and  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  (0.15 - 0.25 mM; 50 µCi/ml). After incubation, the islets were washed three times and then placed in a perfusion chamber. The perfusate was delivered at a constant rate (1.0 ml/min). From the 31st to the 90th min, the effluent was continuously 30 collected over successive periods of 1 min each. An aliquot of the effluent (0.6

ml) was used for scintillation counting. At the end of the perfusion, the radioactive content of the islets was determined. The outflow of  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  (cpm/min) was expressed as a fractional outflow rate (% of instantaneous islet content/min; FOR).

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Measurement of tension in rat aorta rings was performed according to the following procedure.

Experiments were performed with aortae removed from adult fed Wistar rats  
10 (Charles River Laboratories, Belgium).

A section of the thoracic aorta was cleared of adhering fat and connective tissue and was cut into transverse rings (3-4 mm long). The endothelium was removed and the segments suspended under 1.5 g tension in an organ bath containing 20 mL of a physiological solution (in mM : NaCl 118, KCl 4.7, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2.5, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 15 25, KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 1.2, MgSO<sub>4</sub> 1.2, glucose 5). The physiological solution was maintained at 37 °C and continuously bubbled with a mixture of O<sub>2</sub> (95 %) and CO<sub>2</sub> (5 %). Isometric contractions were measured with a force-displacement transducer. After 60 minutes of equilibration, the rings were exposed to KCl (30 or 80 mM). When the tension had stabilized, the chroman derivative was added 20 to the bath at increasing concentrations until maximal relaxation (or until 300 □M). Some experiments were repeated in the continuous presence of 1 or 10 □M glibenclamide in the bathing medium.

The relaxation response was expressed as the percentage of the contractile response to KCl. The ED<sub>50</sub> values (concentration evoking 50 % inhibition of the plateau phase induced by KCl) were assessed from dose-response curves using 25 Datamax software (EMKA Technologies, France).

Measurement of  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  outflow from rat aorta rings was performed according to the following procedure.

Experiments were performed with thoracic rat aorta rings (2 mm long) isolated from adult fed Wistar rats (Charles River Laboratories, Belgium).

The aorta rings were preincubated for 30 min at 37 °C in a physiological solution (in mM : NaCl 115, KCl 5, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2.56, MgCl<sub>2</sub> 1, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 24) equilibrated against a mixture of O<sub>2</sub> (95 %) and CO<sub>2</sub> (5 %). After preincubation, the aorta rings were incubated for 60 min at 37 °C in the same medium containing, in addition, <sup>86</sup>Rb ion (0.15-0.25 mM; 50 □Ci.mL<sup>-1</sup>). Following incubation, the segments were washed four times with non-radioactive medium and then placed in a perfusion chamber. The perfusate was delivered at a constant rate (1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>). From the 31<sup>st</sup> to the 90<sup>th</sup> min, the effluent was continuously collected over successive periods of 1 min each and examined for its radioactive content by scintillation counting. At the end of the perfusion, the radioactive content of the aortic segments was also determined.

The experiments were conducted in the presence of 30 mM KCl in the perfusing medium to mimic the experimental conditions used to measure muscle tension.

The efflux of <sup>86</sup>Rb was expressed as a fractional outflow rate (FOR: % of instantaneous aorta content per min).

The validity of <sup>86</sup>Rb (<sup>42</sup>K substitute) as a tracer for the study of K<sup>+</sup> handling in aorta rings has been previously assessed (Lebrun et al., Pharmacology, 1990, 41, 36-48; Antoine et al., Eur. J. Pharmacol., 1992, 216, 299-306).

In such models, PCOs such as diazoxide, pinacidil and cromakalim have been reported to reduce the glucose-induced insulin output and/or to exhibit myorelaxant activity as described by de Tullio et al., J. Med. Chem., 1996, 39, 937-948.

Table 1 depicts the biological data obtained with the new benzopyran derivatives. Cromakalim, diazoxide and pinacidil were used as reference compounds.

Table 1 Effects of original dimethylchromans on insulin secretion from rat pancreatic islets and on the contractile activity of rat aorta rings. Results are expressed as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m., n refers to the number of samples.

Compounds	X	Y	Residual insulin	Myorelaxant
			secretion (%) [10 $\mu$ M]	activity ED <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)
	Cl	phenyl	46.62 $\pm$ 2.34 (31)	11.1 $\pm$ 2.2 (4)
	F	3-methylphenyl	53.07 $\pm$ 3.61 (24)	7.3 $\pm$ 0.8 (4)
	Cl	4-methylphenyl	32.78 $\pm$ 1.92 (16)	> 30 (4)
	F	3-methoxyphenyl	52.03 $\pm$ 2.26 (24)	6.2 $\pm$ 0.6 (4)
	Br	3-pyridyl	44.29 $\pm$ 2.84 (23)	0.368 $\pm$ 0.029 (4)
Cromakalim	-	-	94.7 $\pm$ 4.3 (24)	0.13 $\pm$ 0.01 (7)
Diazoxide	-	-	71.7 $\pm$ 2.8 (38) <sup>b</sup>	23.8 $\pm$ 2.4 (10) <sup>b</sup>
Pinacidil	-	-	96.0 $\pm$ 4.2 (20) <sup>c</sup>	0.35 $\pm$ 0.02 (11)

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<sup>a</sup> nd : not determined. Published results : <sup>b</sup> ref. Becker et al., Br. J. Pharmacol., 2001, 134, 375-385; <sup>c</sup> ref. Lebrun et al. J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 1996, 277, 156-162.

10 Results obtained on rat pancreatic islets indicated that the benzopyran derivatives inhibited insulin secretion or expressed myorelaxant activity.

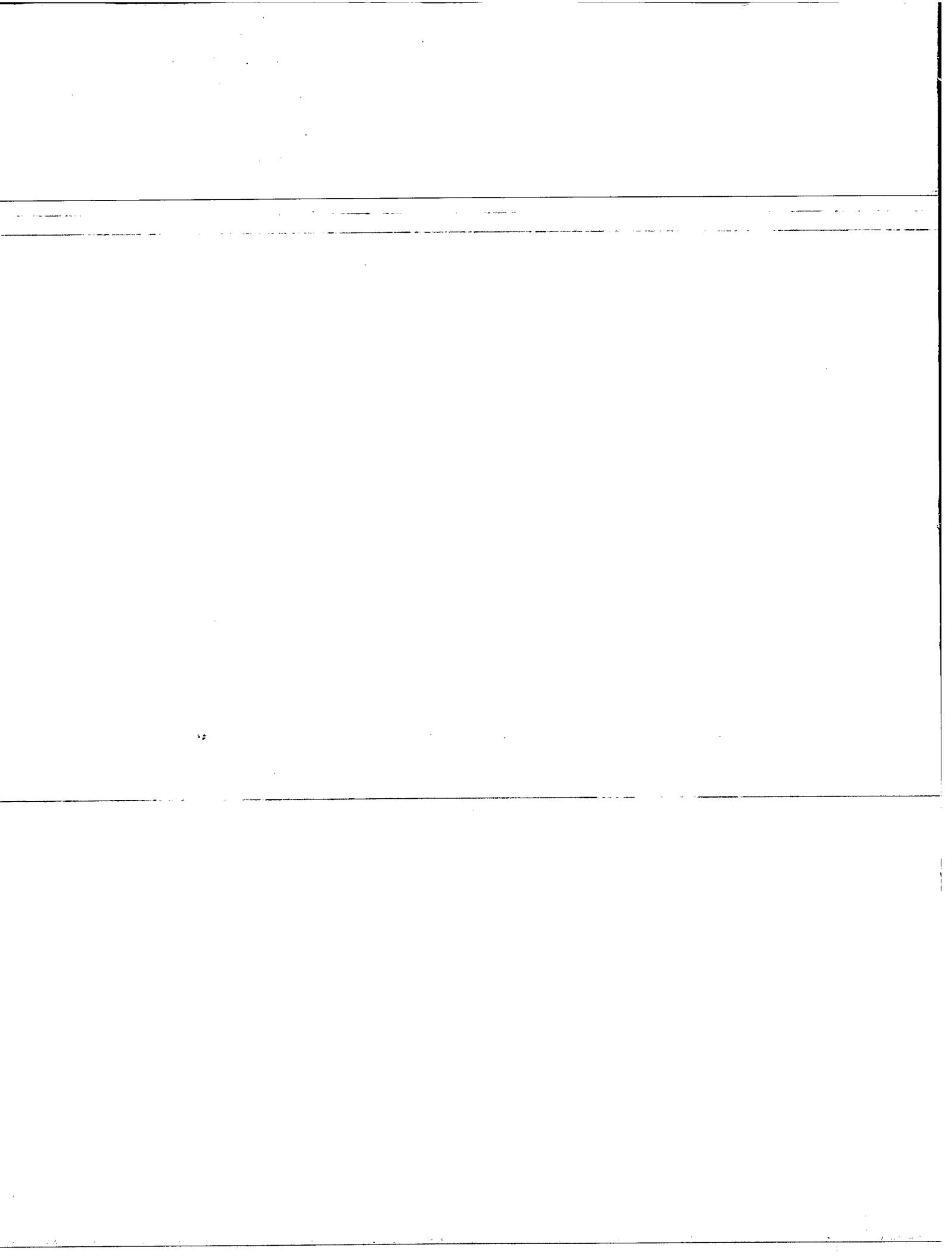
According to the chemical structure of the drugs, the nature of the substituent in the 4-position appeared to be important for the inhibitory effect on insulin release.

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The benzopyran derivatives according to the invention are effective over a wide dosage range. In general satisfactory results are obtained with dosage from 0.05 to 1000 milligrams of a benzopyran derivative of formula I, compounded with physiologically acceptable vehicle, carrier, excipient, binder, preservative, stabilizer, flavor and the like in a unit dosage form as called for by accepted

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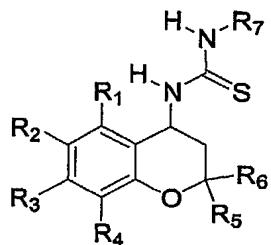
pharmaceutical practice. The exact dosage depends upon a lot of factors such as mode of administration and form in which it is administered.



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## 1. Benzopyran derivatives of the general formula

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wherein :

- 10       $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are independently hydrogen, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, cyanomethyl, perhalomethyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkyl- or dialkylamino, sulfamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkylthio,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkylsulfonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkylsulfinyl, formyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkylcarbonylamino,  $R_8$ arylthio,  $R_8$ arylsulfinyl,  $R_8$ arylsulfonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkoxycarbonyl- $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, carbamoyl, carbamoylmethyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkyl- or dialkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkyl- or dialkylaminothiocarbonyl, ureido,  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkyl- or dialkylaminocarbonylamino, thioureido,  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkyl- or dialkylaminothiocarbonylamino,  $C_{1-6}$ -monoalkyl- or dialkylaminosulfonyl, carboxy, carboxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, acyl,  $R_8$ aryl,  $R_8$ aryl- $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $R_8$ aryloxy;
- 15       $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are each independently hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl or,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a 3- to 6-membered carbocyclic ring;

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R<sub>7</sub> is 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub> or

R<sub>7</sub> is 2- or 3-thienyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted substituted by R<sub>1</sub> or

R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub>;

5      R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, nitro, amino, cyano, cyanomethyl, perhalomethyl;

or a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture or any polymorphic and tautomeric form.

10     2. A benzopyran derivative according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>7</sub> is an element selected from the group consisting of (pyridyl and phenyl) and R<sub>1</sub> on R<sub>7</sub> is an element selected from the group consisting of (hydrogen, halogen, cyano and nitro).

15     3. A benzopyran derivative according to claim 2 selected from :

R/S-4-(3-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran,

20     R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran, --

R/S-4-(4-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran,

25     R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-1-benzopyran,

R/S-4-(3-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2H-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

5 R/S-4-(4-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-

10 dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

15 R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-4-(3-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

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R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-4-(4-Chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

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R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-chlorophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-4-(3-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-

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fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-4-(3-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

5 R/S-4-(4-Cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-4-(4-cyanophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

10 R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

15 R/S-3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-6-fluoro-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-

20 nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

R/S-6-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylaminothiocarbonylamino)-2*H*-1-benzopyran,

4. Benzopyran derivatives according to any one of the preceding claims for use  
25 as openers of the K<sub>ATP</sub>-regulated potassium channels.

5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding claims or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base or any optical isomer or mixture

of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture or any tautomeric form together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents.

6. A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of diseases of the endocrinological system such as hyperinsulinaemia and diabetes comprising a benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding benzopyran derivative claims or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture, or any tautomeric from together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
7. The pharmaceutical composition according to any one of the claims 5 or 6 in the form of an oral dosage unit or parental dosage unit.
8. A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of the claims 5 or 6 wherein said benzopyran derivative is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.05 to 1000, preferably from about 0.1 to 500 and especially in the range from 50 to 200 mg per day.
9. A benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding benzopyran derivative claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture, or any tautomeric form for therapeutical use.
10. A benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding benzopyran derivative claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture, or any tautomeric form for

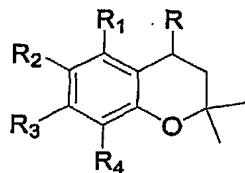
~~therapeutical use in then treatment of diseases of the endocrinological system, such as hyperinsulinaemia and diabetes.~~

11. The use of a benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture, or any tautomeric form as a medicament.
12. The use of a benzopyran derivative according to any of the preceding compound claims for preparing a medicament.
13. The use of a benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding benzopyran derivative claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture, or any tautomeric form for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of diseases of the endocrinological system, such as hyperinsulinaemia and diabetes.
14. A method of treating diseases of the endocrinological system, such as hyperinsulinaemia and diabetes in a subject in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of a benzopyran derivative according to any one of the preceding benzopyran derivative claims to said subject.
15. A process for the manufacture of a medicament, particular to be use in the treatment of diseases of the endocrinological system, such as hyperinsulinaemia and diabetes which process comprising bringing a compound of formula (I) according to any one of the preceding compound claims 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof into a galenic dosage form.

16. A method of preparing a benzopyran derivative of formula (I) which comprises :

- reacting a compound of formula (II)

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(II)

wherein R represents NH<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are defined as for formula (I)  
10 with an isothiocyanante of formula (III)



(III)

15 wherein R<sub>7</sub> is defined as for formula (I), to form a benzopyran derivative of formula (I); or

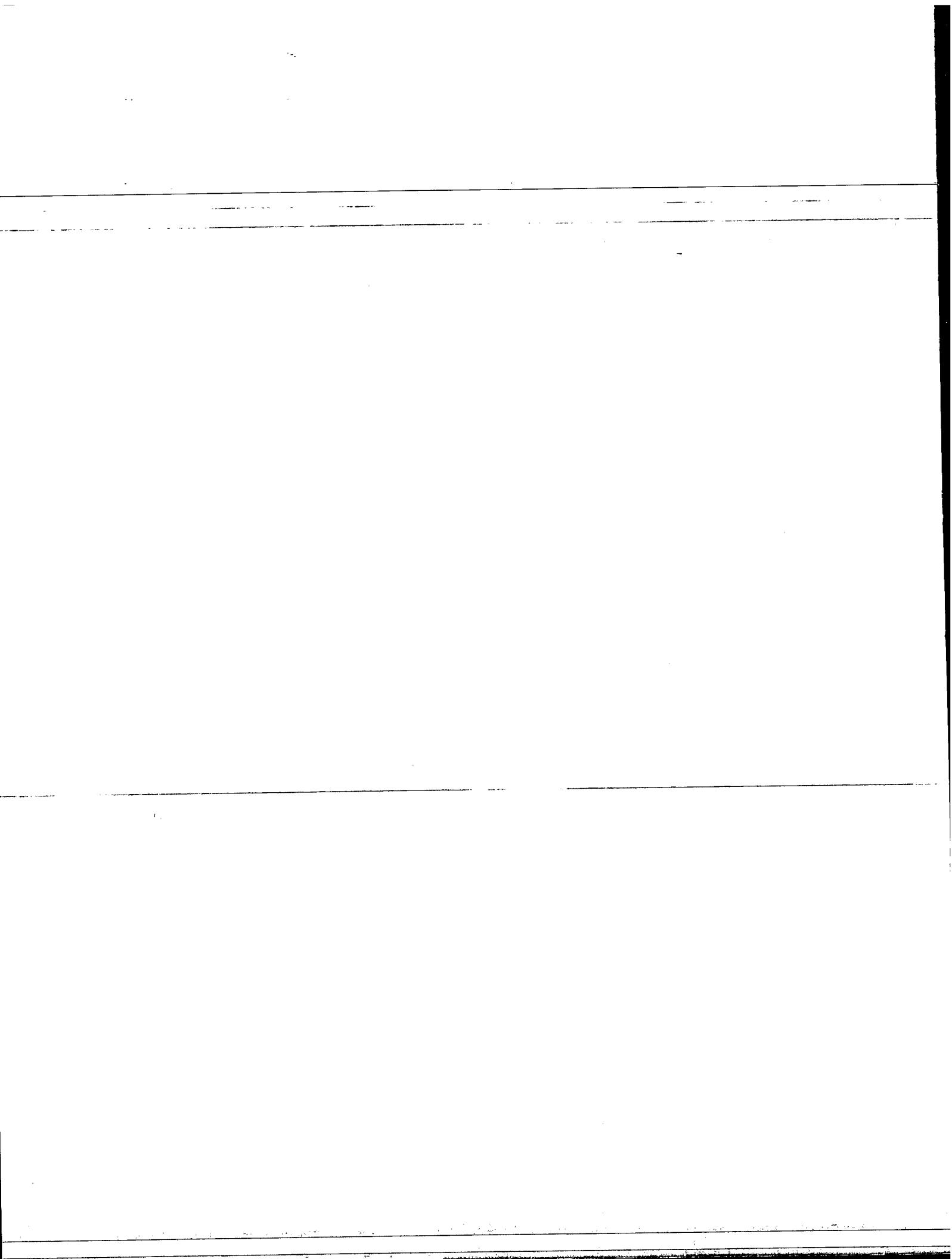
- reacting a compound of formula (II) wherein R represents -N=C=S and R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are defined as for formula (I) with an amine of formula (IV)

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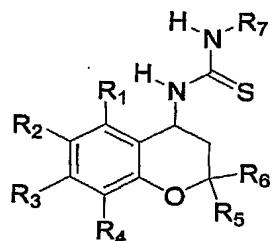
(IV)

wherein R<sub>7</sub> is defined as for formula (I), to form a benzopyran derivative of formula (I).



## ABSTRACTS

The invention relates to novel benzopyran derivatives of formula I, to their method of production, to composition comprising the derivatives and use thereof.



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(I)

wherein :

- R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, cyanomethyl, perhalomethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylamino, sulfamoyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, formyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylcarbonylamino, R<sub>8</sub>arylthio, R<sub>8</sub>arylsulfinyl, R<sub>8</sub>arylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, carbamoyl, carbamoylmethyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminothiocarbonyl, ureido, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminocarbonylamino, thioureido, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminothiocarbonylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub>-monoalkyl- or dialkylaminosulfonyl, carboxy, carboxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, acyl, R<sub>8</sub>aryl, R<sub>8</sub>aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, R<sub>8</sub>aryloxy;
- R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl or, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a 3- to 6-membered carbocyclic ring;
- 25 R<sub>7</sub> is 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> is 2- or 3-thienyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted substituted by R<sub>1</sub> or

R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl optionally mono- or polysubstituted by R<sub>1</sub>;

R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, nitro,

amino, cyano, cyanomethyl, perhalomethyl;

or a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, or any optical

5 isomer or mixture of optical isomers, including a racemic mixture or any  
polymorphic and tautomeric form.